

Youth Ski Mountaineering Camp
Tioga Pas, Sierra Nevada
June 9-13, 2008

Itinerary

Day 0 – June 8th

Reno/Tahoe International Airport van pickup at 6:00pm
Drive to Lee Vining and Tioga Pass – East border of Yosemite National Park
Restaurant dinner along the way

Day 1 – June 9th

Packing, travel skills, snow safety skills including avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel, climbing skins, snow climbing skills, ice axe use including self belay, self arrest, ski rope braced and anchored belays, belayed steep skiing
Ski descent back to camp
Evening debrief:
Hazards assessment, when were we at the greatest risk? How can we have better managed risk?

Day 2 – June 10th

Ski travel to alpine rock climbing, more roped belays (class 2-4 travel) and 5th class top-roped rock climbing with lowers and rappels
A good ski back to camp
Evening debrief:
On going hazards assessment
Safety planning, emergency plan

Day 3 – June 11th

Longer climb, ski descent, Conness Glacier
Skills application
Decision making
Personal safety, group safety, self rescue and avalanche rescue practice
Evening debrief:
Ongoing hazard assessment
Multi-day route planning

Day 4 – June 12th

Travel up Glacier Canyon toward Mt. Dana, camp near Solstice Couloir
Climbing and skiing in the afternoon
Light campsite selection and construction
Leave No Trace principles
Evening debrief:
Ongoing hazard assessment
Tour planning for the Dana Couloir

Day 5 – June 13th

The Dana Couloir (conditions permitting), our largest climb and descent
“Whole mountain” skills application along the route
Return to Tioga Pass by 3:00pm, transport back to Reno. Farewell dinner along the way.